ABSTRACT

A method and system for reporting mobile subscriber location is disclosed. Upon receipt of a request to report the location of a given mobile subscriber, a server may identify the subscriber's "buddies" and then determine, for each buddy, whether the buddy is located in the

5   same zone as the given subscriber. Additionally, the server may determine whether a rule is set to block reporting of the given subscriber's location to the buddy. Provided that the buddy is located in the same zone as the given subscriber and provided that reporting is allowed, the server may then send a location-reporting message to the buddy, indicating the given subscriber's location, preferably in terms of proximity to the buddy. The server may further receive a reply

10   from the buddy and then send a location-reporting reply message to the given subscriber, indicating the location of the buddy.